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## CITY OF ATLANTA

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April 18, 2005

President Lisa Borders and  
Members of Atlanta City Council  
City Hall, Suite 2900 South  
68 Mitchell St., S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**RE: Civilian Review Board Appointment**

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Shera' Grant to serve as a member of the Civilian Review Board for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Ms. Grant will serve the Civilian Review Board with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

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**EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant District Attorney, September 2004-Present****DeKalb County District Attorney's Office, Decatur, GA**

- Conduct preliminary hearings on felony charges in Magistrate Court
- Attend detention and arraignment hearings and make recommendations to the court as to whether a child should be held or released, and if released, under what specific conditions.
- Conduct adjudicatory hearings, ensuring that proper witnesses are subpoenaed and present for trial. Negotiate with defense attorneys and try cases when a plea cannot be reached.
- Screen cases for the intake department of the court and make recommendations as to how the case should be initially handled. Decide whether there is probable cause to draw a petition, and ensure that it is drawn correctly.
- Coordinate with the probation department of the Juvenile Court, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Family and Children's Services, and with mental health providers to make sure treatment plans and probation requirements are appropriate.

**Assistant City Solicitor, November 2002-September 2004****Office of the City Solicitor, Atlanta, GA**

- Held bench trials and negotiated pleas for city offenses
- Served as sole solicitor in Domestic Violence court where cases, when appropriate, were monitored for family counseling for an extended period of time. Other more severe cases were upgraded to felonies and preliminary hearings were held to bound case over to Fulton or DeKalb Superior Court.
- Coordinator for the Young Adult Development Initiative (YADI), a program that gave offenders between the ages of 17-25 an alternative to prosecution. In lieu of prosecution, these young offenders were given an opportunity to take classes that consisted of Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, and AIDS education. Community service was also required, and random drug tests were conducted throughout the program.
- Partnered with social workers in Community Court, a court designed for substance abusers and prostitutes, to ensure that defendants complied with the Court's mandated treatment programs. If not, defendants were prosecuted on charges.
- Researched case law using Lexis-Nexis and prepared legal briefs in response to defendants' demurrers

**Assistant Solicitor General, January 2003-June 2003****Fulton County Solicitor's Office, Atlanta, GA**

- Worked as sole prosecutor in the newly developed mental health court, Treatment Diversion Court, where duties included properly evaluating defendants to determine whether or not they were appropriate for treatment, making sure defendants complied with conditions of the court by legal mandates and coercive interventions, and worked closely with discharge planners and psychiatrists in order to make sure defendants were properly placed in treatment facilities that were suitable to their mental health needs.
- Conducted first appearances and preliminary hearings for misdemeanors in Fulton County and felonies occurring in unincorporated Fulton County.
- Drafted accusations to formally charge defendants and input information into Banner, Fulton County's case management software.

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**EDUCATION**

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**Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA***Juris Doctor, May 2002**Bachelors of Civil Law, May 2002*

- Chancellor's List, Spring 2002
- Wex Malone American Inns of Court student member, Fall 2001-Spring 2002
- Career Services Student Advisory Committee, Fall 2000-Spring 2002
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, Spring 2000-Spring 2002

**Université d'Aix-Marseille III, Aix en Provence, France**

Faculté de Droit et de Science Politique

*Visiting Law Student, June 2000-July 2000***Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL***B.S. Computer Information Systems, May 1999, Summa Cum Laude*

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**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

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- Georgia State Bar
- United States District Court - Northern District of Georgia
- Alabama State Bar
- Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals